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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1651

Application No.: 09/537,180

Examiner: S. SAUCIER

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Docket No.: WPB 40219A

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING AND/OR RESTORING VIABILITY OF  
ORGANS

**SMALL ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

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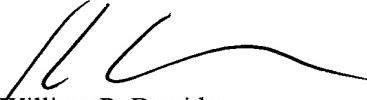
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired March 20, 2005, an extension of time for a period of TWO months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 166874 in the amount of \$225.00 in payment for:

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